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Hello Everyone,

I hope that all is well and you are enjoying the summer. I just wanted to pass an idea by you in relation to HENDON and see what you think. We will be holding a HENDON meeting on Friday morning but Insp Barclay and I wanted to send this out to you first to gather your thoughts for discussion on Friday with the broader partnership.

With the release of the 2020 national crime statistics a couple weeks ago, **the hate crime and hate/bias motivated crime occurrences have spiked significantly** – by approximately 37% nationally with a significant increase in Ontario specifically. There has also, understandably, been a **significant appetite for this information from government(s) and the public**. Project HENDON has these matters in our Intelligence Collection Plan and has been capturing much of this information from all of our police services – this has included the White Lives Matter Movement, Patriots’ Movement, anti-government activity and several extremist entities engaged in anarchism, environmental issues, etc. The caveat for all of these matters has been that they pertain to criminal extremism, pose a threat to public safety and/or we have reasonable grounds to suspect/believe that their actions may include criminal activity.

In discussions with some police services, there are individuals in our jurisdictions that may engage in individual hate/motivated incidents (i.e. an assault on a racialized male motivated by race/ethnicity) but it appears to be an isolated incident. In fact, it may just be an isolated incident. But recognizing our competing, operational priorities and our financial and resource restrictions, it is often difficult to determine if these are isolated incidents or if there are linkages that are being missed.

Barcs and I recently met with WRPS to discuss these matters and the role of the OPP’s Hate Crime Enforcement Unit and the Hate Crime Enforcement Investigative Team, which incorporates many services. As our individual “hate crime” units often reside in our intelligence sections, we face many competing priorities and scant resources. Our OPP Unit endeavors to engage in intelligence collection, intelligence operations, liaison, investigative assistance, etc. and it is a great deal of work especially given our geographical challenges..

Our proposal is to enhance the collection plan of HENDON and communicate with all of our partners and stakeholders to increase our collective intelligence gathering on these matters.

These issues are already part of the collection plan and covered in the HENDON report. In this way, we can achieve a more fulsome intelligence picture at virtually no cost and subject it to enhanced analytical power.

I see this as potential win-win with only a small increase in analytical resources.

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